

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A. Introduction

In the Office action of January 30, 2006:

- Claim 35 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Schmid et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,659,164); and
- Claims 16-34 are allowed.

B. Amendment to the Specification

Applicant respectfully submits that the specification has been amended to correct minor typographical/grammatical error. No new matter has been added.

C. §102(b) Rejection of Claim 35

Applicant cancels Claim 35. The §102(b) rejection is thus now moot.

D. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that by canceling Claim 35, all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that the Notice of Allowance be sent promptly. Should there be any other fees due for this Office action, your office is authorized to draw from the firm deposit account number 02-3979. Should you have any questions, or identify any problem, I would appreciate a telephone call so that this matter may be resolved promptly.

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